
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: August 28, 2020
TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations
SUBJECT: **Amador Water Agency Tank A and B Replacement Project, PIONEER,
AMADOR COUNTY**

The Amador Water Agency (AWA) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed AWA Tank A and B Replacement Project. AWA has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The Project site is located in Amador County, California, approximately 50 miles southeast of the City of Sacramento on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada. The Proposed Project is within the Pioneer community area, located approximately 15 miles northeast of the City of Jackson. Tank A and B are located at the end of Elkhorn Court in Pioneer.

Project Description: The Proposed Project involves replacement of the two existing aboveground water storage tanks (0.25 million and 0.50 million gallon capacity, respectively) with two new 1 million-gallon aboveground water storage tanks on the adjacent parcel. The new aboveground covered tanks would be approximately 75 feet in diameter and 36 feet in height and constructed from welded steel plates. The new tanks will sit on concrete pads with a 13-foot gravel setback. The site will be surrounded by an 8-foot-tall perimeter chain link fence and will have two gated and paved entrance points (one existing and a new one at the northwest corner of the site). The project will also include placement of overflow vaults on the north/northwest side of the tanks, meter vaults just south of the tanks, and a fire hydrant near the southern property line. Once the new tanks are constructed and operational, the existing tanks will be demolished.

Construction of the Proposed Project is anticipated to start in early 2021 and take approximately 5 months; however, due to statewide shutdowns due to COVID-19, it is possible that project construction could be delayed.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, noise, and paleontological resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, CCC acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

IS/MND Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting August 28, 2020 and ending September 28, 2020**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, printed hard copies will not be available to the public. However, the Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<https://amadorwater.org/connection-installation/environmental-review/>

Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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